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### **Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Holds Ribbon Cutting to Showcase New Exhibit**

**Jackson, Miss.** – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith, along with members of Farm Families of Mississippi, held a ribbon cutting ceremony to showcase a new agriculture exhibit on display in the Heritage Center of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. The exhibit, made possible by the Farm Families of Mississippi, showcases the importance and contributions of Mississippi agriculture. The exhibit features information about Mississippi's farmers, farmland, forestry, crops, livestock, poultry, and catfish. The exhibit also features interactive activities including two iPads with information and educational videos about Mississippi agriculture and a kiosk featuring My American Farm, an interactive game that teaches agriculture in America.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith stated, "We are very appreciative to the Farm Families of Mississippi for allowing the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum the opportunity to display this exhibit. With the addition of this exhibit, we can give visitors a better understanding of how agriculture has progressed. While much of the Museum focuses on the history of agriculture and the role it plays in our economy, this exhibit portrays the significance of modern-day Mississippi agriculture and how agriculture is just as important today as it was in the past."

Farm Families of Mississippi, a non-profit consisting of a group of organizations, companies, and individuals, was created for the specific purpose of promoting Mississippi agriculture to the general public. Daryl Burney, Chairman of the Farm Families of Mississippi Committee, said, "We are so proud to unveil our display at the Ag Museum promoting the farmers of Mississippi and all they do for us each and every day. Educating our young people about the benefits that agriculture provides is a very important task." Burney added, "We are very grateful to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and to Commissioner Cindy Hyde-Smith for letting us put this display here at the premiere focal point of agricultural history in the state."

The Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum, which features the National Agricultural Aviation Museum, portrays the important role that the agriculture and forestry industries have played in Mississippi's history and how these industries have shaped Mississippi's economy through the years through both indoor and outdoor exhibits. The Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the Museum, call (601) 432-4500, visit [www.msagmusuem.org](http://www.msagmusuem.org), or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Facebook.

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**A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum to showcase a new agriculture exhibit on display in the Heritage Center of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. Members of Farm Families for Mississippi were joined by (fourth from right) Vic Sexton, Office of Economic Development with the City of Jackson; Randy Knight, President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; Cindy Hyde-Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce; and Lise Foy, Director of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.**